

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No. : 10/560,267  
Applicant : Sorensen, et al.  
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Examiner : Thuong, Kevin Thao  
Confirmation No. : 3476  
Docket No. : NEOME-019A3US  
Customer No. : 33197  
Title : Tubular Cutter Device and Methods for Cutting and Removing Strips of  
Tissue From the Body of a Patient

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement office action issued on September 29, 2009,  
Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute method claims 23-35.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fees due in connection with the filing of this  
response from Deposit Account 50-0878.

Respectfully submitted,  
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